



Arizona Department of Education

Pima County

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION

Program Year
2009-2010



Adult Education delivers literacy services to out-of-school adults who are 16 years of age and older and who are not enrolled in a K-12 school.

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Pima College Adult Education** and **Pima County Adult Probation** are the programs certified to provide Adult Education throughout Pima County in 2008-2009. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated **\$2,646, 983** to Pima County for adult education services for the Program Year 2009-2010.

The Need for Adult Education in Pima County

Of the over 1,020,000 people living in Pima County, 74% (755,333) are 18 years and older. Of that number, 14% (107,188) lack a high school credential. Over 7% (4,191) of the 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates.

5% of individuals 18 years and older (39, 462) live in “linguistically isolated” households (*all members of the household 14 years of age and older have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009



Pima County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 3,914 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 352,700 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$7.50 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$676.29 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 per K-12 student*)
- 55% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 69% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 61% who sought a job found employment
- 80% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 72% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 2,019 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

In Program Year 2008-2009, Pima County was home to a program that linked Adult Education and Workforce Development. Pima College received \$51,603 in performance based incentive funding to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field for the residents of Pima County. Lessons learned from the Pima County model have been implemented in Arizona’s current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services

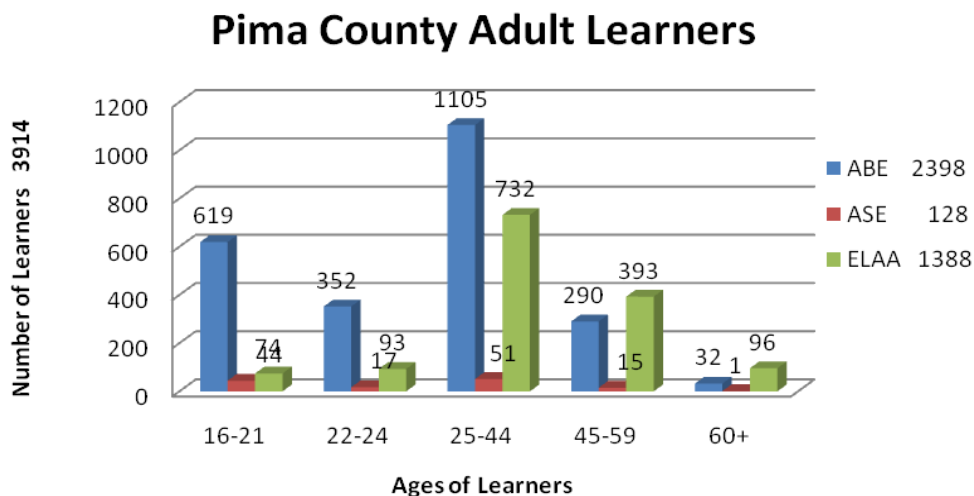
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SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Pima County

- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 2,019 adults from Pima County who earned a GED® represent a potential increase in taxable income of over \$173,000,000.
- 48% of adult learners in Pima County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 35% of adult learners in Pima County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Pima County, 5% (38,617) have only an elementary education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms once again that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- 153,505 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Pima County reported 46,976 public high school students (grades 9-12) and a dropout rate in 2007-2008 for grades 7-12 of 4% (3,206). ADE-AES served 1,199 people under the age of 25, of whom 61% (737) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 61% of the adults in Pima County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing and/or math proficiency skill levels at eighth grade or below.

Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math SIGNIFICANTLY increases his/her earning potential and ultimate contributions as a member of a family, the workforce, and the community.



ABE = Adult Basic Education
Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.

ASE = Adult Secondary Education
Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.

ELAA = English Language Acquisition for Adults
Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.

